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Application No.: 10/648,687

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Title: DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR EHANCED SPECT, PET, AND

COMPTON SCATTER IMAGING IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE

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September 7, 2005

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed a 13 page document in response to the Office Action of August 10, 2005 (Examiner Christine Sung, Art Unit 2878). The title of the application is:

"DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR EHANCED SPECT, PET, AND COMPTON SCATTER IMAGING IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE".

Application No. 10/648,687 (filed 8-25-2003).

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If there are any questions I can be contacted by email (rnelson@mail.sdsu.edu) or by phone (619-594-1013).

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Dear Ms. Sung:

In response to the initial Office Action dated August 10, 2005 for application 10/648,687 please find enclosed a set of remarks that address the objections to the claims.

REMARKS

The following remarks include references to relevant materials (remarks 1-7) followed by specific responses to Examiner's objections regarding claims 1-23:

- 1. Express Abandonment forms were filed on March 22, 2005 for three applications (10/446,239; 10/452,459; 10/462,191) under review by Ms. Otilia Gabor (Art Unit 2878). The subject matter disclosed in pending Application No.10/648,687 is a continuation of Application No. 10/462,191 (filed 6-16-2003), which is a continuation of Application No. 10/452,459 (filed 6-03-2003), which is a continuation of Application No. 10/446,239 (filed 5-29-2003). The filing dates for these CIP Applications were prior to the issue date of Patent No. 6,583,420 B1 (6-24-2003). My understanding is that claims made in these three CIP applications that are based on material disclosed in the original Patent No. 6,583,420 B1 benefit from its 6-07-2000 filing date.
- 2. Two disclosure documents are considered to be relevant for this response.

 Disclosure document No. 464163 filed October 25, 1999 ("Device and method for improved imaging in nuclear medicine") and Disclosure document No. 513200 filed June 12, 2002 ("Device and method for improved Compton imaging"). These two